

Gabriel Commons

Guidelines for Owner-Maintained Garden Plots

First, these reminders:

1. “Your” garden plot is Common property owned equally by all 34 unit owners. Removal and planting of trees and shrubs must be approved by the Board. *Gabriel Commons Bylaws, Section 7.6.* The Planting Approval Form is at [www.gabrielcommons.org/Planting Approval Request](http://www.gabrielcommons.org/Planting%20Approval%20Request).
2. Outdoor water spigots are for common usage and not just for the unit to which they are attached.
3. Owners who rent their units must either let the HOA maintain their garden spaces, or ensure that their tenants follow the guidelines in this document.

Guidelines:

1. Don’t plant invasive plant species.
2. Plants and planting materials are at the owners’ expense.
3. Don’t plant trees and shrubs that obstruct the view of traffic.
4. Plant to conserve water usage.
5. Plant what you are willing to maintain (by watering, fertilizing, weeding, pruning)
6. Plant trees and shrubs in the fall when they don’t have to survive our hot, dry summers to get established.
8. Don’t plant bamboo or other spreading plants in the garden plot. Grow them in containers.
9. Do not allow the garden plot to become an eyesore.